

## Message Text

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DEPARTMENT FOR A/SY/FO, A/SY/NSU FROM AOIC NSU

SY CHANNEL

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJ: SEABEE SUPPORT

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A BRIEF HIGHLIGHT OF  
DISCUSSIONS WITH POST OFFICERS CONCERNING FUTURE SEABEE  
SUPPORT AND PROJECTS AT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV.

2. MOSCOW:

A. CHANCERY RECONSTRUCTION: REMAINING AREAS OF MAJOR  
WORK ARE AT 10TH FLOOR, 7TH FLOOR (NORTH); FIRE EGRESS,  
ELEVATOR AND ATTIC AREAS. EFFORTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING  
CONCENTRATED TO ATTAIN COMPLETION OF 10TH FLOOR  
(LARGEST BLOCK OF WORK) PRIOR TO 15 JUN AND DEPARTURE OF  
NCF SEABEES. 8 MAN CREW IS RECOMMENDED AFTER 15 JUN FOR  
REMAINDER OF SEABEE EFFORTS. EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE  
WAS OBSERVED TO ELEVATOR SHAFT AS RESULT OF DUMPING  
OPERATIONS WHICH MAY REQUIRE MAJOR REPAIRS.

B. DAO PROJECT: DEMO CAN BEGIN O/A 20 MAY. FOUR MAN  
CREW TO ASSIST SEABEES IN DEMO EXPECTED TO ARRIVE O/A  
28 MAY. DEMO SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND INSTALLATION OF  
STRUCTURAL STEEL FLOOR TO BEGIN ON ARRIVAL OF MATERIAL AT

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POST O/A 6 JUNE.

C. NOB CONSEC: ALL CONCERNED AT POST AGREE THAT FULL  
CONSEC EFFORTS SHOULD BEGIN AFTER MAJOR BUILDING EXCAVATION  
AND PILEDIVING ARE COMPLETED. THIS MILESTONE COULD  
POSSIBLY NOT BE REACHED UNTIL EARLY SPRING 1979. LATER  
EFFORTS AND NEGOTIATIONS YET SCHEDULED SHOULD REVEAL

SOVIET CONSTRUCTION INTENTIONS AND PERMIT ONGOING  
ADJUSTMENTS TO SCHEDULING OF SEABEE  
ASSETS. HOWEVER, OPINION WAS EXPRESSED BY MOSCOW RSO THAT  
A MINIMAL SHOWING OF PRESENCE ON-SITE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
WHenever ANY ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED. IN VIEW OF THIS, AN  
INITIAL TDY CONSEC SEABEE IS EXPECTED TO BE REQUESTED AT  
A LATER DATE BY THE POST WHEN APPROPRIATE. HOUSING FOR  
EAC CAN BE PROVIDED BY POST DEPENDING ON FAMILY SIZE.  
POST INDICATED THAT SMALL FAMILY (2 DEPENDENTS) CAN BE  
ACCOMMODATED ANYTIME AND LARGE FAMILY (3 OR 4 DEPENDENTS)  
POSSIBLY BY LATE SUMMER. WHILE HOUSING WILL REMAIN TO BE  
CRITICAL ITEM, POST ANTICIPATE GREATER EASE OF  
ACCOMMODATING EAC AND FAMILY WITH LATEST SCHEDULING  
POSSIBLE.

3. LENINGRAD. BOTH FIRE DETECTION AND PLUMBING PROJECTS  
APPEAR TO BE ESSENTIALLY READY TO START.  
A. FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM IS READY TO BEGIN PROVIDED SEA-  
BEE PORTION OF SYSTEM CAN BE ISOLATED FROM REST OF  
SYSTEM THAT IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CONTRACTOR.  
FOLLOWING AREAS OF SYSTEM WHICH SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED  
BY SEABEES CONSISTS OF ZONES NO. 18, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29,  
30, 31, 32.  
B. PLUMBING PROJECT WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL FROM POST.  
C. POST CAN ACCOMMODATE 2 SEABEES IN TDY APT.  
ADDITIONAL SEABEES WILL BE ACCOMMODATED EITHER IN HOTEL  
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OR IN VARIOUS POST APARTMENTS UNOCCUPIED DUE TO TRANSFERS  
AT SEABEE ELECTION.

4. KIEV NOB.  
A. DISCUSSIONS AT MOSCOW CONCERNING KIEV CONSEC REVEAL  
THAT MAJOR OBSTACLES ARE ACCESS TO SITE AND LIVING  
ACCOMMODATIONS. ACCESS TO CONSTRUCTION SITE NOT IN  
CONTRACT AND NEVER DISCUSSED. ONLY AVAILABLE ACCOMMO-  
DATIONS FOR SEABEE TEAM IS HOTEL WITHOUT COOKING  
FACILITIES OR LEISURE ACTIVITIES. CONSTRUCTION IN KIEV  
IS EXPECTED TO LAST 18-24 MONTHS ONCE STARTED.

5. AOIC NSU SENDS. BUCHANAN

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